

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Proceeding 03-16

I was thrilled with the 1/13/03 MPSC finding that Michigan's local service market is open to competition. Personally, we receive at least three solicitations asking us to change local service providers per week...so I know the competition and choice is out there.

On behalf of all Michigan consumers, I am anxious and look forward to the day SBC is granted approval and allowed to compete in the Michigan long distance market. I feel the potential benefits far outweigh the risks!

SBC is and has been right here in Michigan providing good jobs, investing in it's network and infrastructure and acting as a good corporate citizen to the communities it serves. I think that record speaks for itself.

Thank you for consideration in this important decision.

Gwen MacNeil